

Tuesday, February 23, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1743–S1846

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 440–447, S.J. Res. 11–12, and S. Res. 48. Pages S1801–02

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 314, to provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns. (S. Rept. No. 106–5)

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Measures Passed:

District of Columbia Management Restoration Act: Senate passed H.R. 433, to restore the management and personnel authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia. Page S1844

Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen's and Marines' Bill of Rights Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 4, to improve pay and retirement equity for members of the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 87 yeas to 11 nays, 1 voting present (Vote No. 20), Crapo Amendment No. 9, to repeal the reduction in military retired pay for civilian employees of the Federal Government. Pages S1748–56

Enzi Amendment No. 11, to make a limitation on tuition assistance for members of the Armed Forces inapplicable to members deployed in support of a contingency operation or similar operation. Page S1756

Robb Amendment No. 8, to increase the amount of certain bonuses and special pays and to authorize payment of certain additional special pays and bonuses. Pages S1756–57

Robb Amendment No. 15, to improve the aviation career officers special pay. Pages S1758–59

Cleland Amendment No. 4, to provide for a three-year extension of authorities relating to payment of certain bonuses and special pays. Pages S1761–62

Wellstone/Murray Amendment No. 16, to provide for enhanced protections of the confidentiality of

records of family advocacy services and other professional support services relating to incidents of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and intrafamily abuse. Pages S1765–66

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 21), Hutchison Amendment No. 18, to improve the TRICARE program. Pages S1767–69

Pending:

Sarbanes/Warner Amendment No. 19, to express the sense of Congress that there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the compensation of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the compensation of civilian employees of the United States. Page S1770

Cleland Amendment No. 6, to permit members of the Ready Reserve to contribute to the Thrift Savings Plan for compensation attributable to their service in the Ready Reserve. Pages S1770–71

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and proposed amendments thereto, with votes to occur on the pending amendments. Page S1769

Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report concerning a Western Hemisphere Drug Alliance; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–9). Page S1800

Appointments:

Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–277, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse:

Darcy L. Jensen, of South Dakota (Representative of Non-Profit Organization), and Dr. Lynn McDonald, of Wisconsin. Page S1844

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paula J. Dobriansky, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2001.

George T. Frampton, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

Captain Nicholas A. Prahl, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-7), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Atlantic and Pacific Marine Centers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 853u.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

23 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—21) Pages S1755, S1769

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday February 24, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1844.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—HHS/NIH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Institutes of Health, receiving testimony from Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Harold Varmus, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

MONETARY POLICY/FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held oversight hearings on the Federal Reserve's semi-annual Humphrey-Hawkins monetary

policy report and on proposed legislation to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Hearings will continue tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on elements of the framework for Social Security and Medicare in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2000, including reform principles, program structure, trust fund accounting, budget surpluses and debt reduction, general revenue payments, private sector investments, demographics, and Universal Savings Accounts, after receiving testimony from Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, General Accounting Office.

SATELLITE TV ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 303, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multi-channel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, after receiving testimony from Andrew S. Fisher, Cox Broadcasting Company, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Eddy W. Hartenstein, DIRECTV, Inc., El Segundo, California; and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On Friday, February 12, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation: Senators Gorton (Chairman), Stevens, Burns, Lott, Hutchison, Ashcroft, Frist, Snowe, Brownback, Abraham, Rockefeller, Hollings, Inouye, Bryan, Breaux, Dorgan, Wyden, and Cleland.

Subcommittee on Communications: Senators Burns (Chairman), Stevens, Gorton, Lott, Ashcroft, Hutchison, Abraham, Frist, Brownback, Hollings, Inouye, Kerry, Breaux, Rockefeller, Dorgan, Wyden, and Cleland.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce and Tourism: Senators Ashcroft (Chairman), Gorton, Abraham, Burns, Brownback, Bryan, and Breaux.

Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness: Senators Abraham (Chairman), Snowe,